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CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL FERTILIZERS LIMITED
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a)whether the National Fertilizer Limited (NFL), Nangal is the largest urea producing company;

(b)whether NFL, Nangal also produces kisan fertilizer in addition to urea manure;

(c)if so, whether kisan fertilizer is being used by the farmers in huge quantity;

(d)if so, whether the Government has finalised the plan to shut down and breaking the said factory;

(e)if so, whether this decision is likely to increase unemployment and unavailability of fertilizers to the farmers causing them hardship; and

(f)if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) : National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) is the second largest urea producing company in the country.

(b) : The Nangal unit of NFL has facilities to produce Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (CAN) fertilizers under the brand name of `Kisan Khad`. However, the production of Kisan Khad has been stopped due to non-availability of ammonia and its economic unviability.

(c) : NFL has produced/sold 13,819 MTs of Kisan Khad during 2004-05 which was 4.3% of the installed capacity.

(d) : The company has decided to shut down `Kisan Khad (CAN)` plant temporarily.

(e) & (f) : The manpower of this unit will be utilized in other units of the Nangal plant by NFL. While the decision will reduce availability of CAN from Nangal to the extent of 13,819 MTs, this shortfall is expected to be made up by increased supplies from other sources as CAN is a deregulated and decontrolled fertilizer.